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Dear parents/ carers,

The purpose of this letter is to share with you advice and support available for you and your child during the GCSE exam season.

GCSE Study plus at Penair:

On Tuesday 2 May, your child attended an assembly led by Mrs Eastburn-Cutts which addressed the information that follows. It has been common practice amongst schools to traditionally dismiss year 11 students on 'study leave' once exams have started. For the last three years Penair has operated a **Study plus** programme where students have 'top up' exam focused lessons in preparation for an imminent exam. These are held in the school day and follow a personalised programme.

Since **Monday 15 May** until **the end of the exam period** the study plus programme has been in operation. Students have exam specific sessions timetabled led by subject specialists. The programme is shared with students via their form tutors and allows for students to identify with their teachers where they are available for extra subject specific tuition. Where your child has already completed their exam(s) for a subject, they will be able to be 'booked' by another teacher for those timetabled lessons. If a student is timetabled for a lesson in which they have already sat their exam(s) and has not been booked, they will still be expected in that lesson and should bring revision material for another subject of their choice.

We have run GCSE Study Plus with huge success for the last two years; the vast majority of our leavers agreed that their revision was more purposeful and appreciated remaining at school to receive the help and support of their teachers.

Friday 16 June is the last compulsory day of attendance for year 11. After this date, students will only be expected to be in school for exams, or pre-arranged study plus sessions. In addition some students have been invited back to complete the ECDL course.

The arrangements for the 16th June are as follows:

Morning registration as normal
Lessons 1 & 2 – Additional Science and Biology exams (all students)
Break as normal
P3 Meet with Tutors in tutor rooms
11:30 Celebration assembly in Main Hall...
12:00 pasty lunch in the library
12:45 depart school site

There are two occasions where students will be allowed to leave school early prior to this date:

Wednesday 14th June: following the science exam that morning only students studying History need to remain on site.

Thursday 15th June: Science Study plus sessions will run until lunch time at which point students may return home early.

Please ensure you have returned the slip below giving your consent for your son/daughter to sign out on these days. Students must sign out at reception if they are leaving the school site. Study rooms will be made available for students who wish to or need to remain on site due to transport arrangements.

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Revision materials and online resources:

Our expectation is that students should be completing upwards of 10 hours of revision per week during this final period. Short, sharp bursts of revision have been proven to be more beneficial. As well as using text books, revision guides, past papers, exercise books and tasks/resources attached by teachers on Show My Homework, many students have found the following online resources helpful:

Pixl English App	https://englishapp.pixl.org.uk/
Pixl Maths App	https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/
MathsWatch	https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/
Mymaths	https://www.mymaths.co.uk/
Tassomai – Science	https://www.tassomai.com/
Linguascope	http://www.linguascope.com/
Duolingo	https://www.duolingo.com/
Quizlet	https://quizlet.com/
Get Revising	https://getrevising.co.uk/

What other help is available?

Below is a timetable of revision sessions held weekly for any student in year 11 to attend. (These will continue until students have sat their final exams for that subject):

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime		French and German (C63)	Geography and History (C6)	Drama (Main Hall)	PE (breakout area)
			French and German (C62)	French and German (C60)	French and German (C64)
After-School			English (English classrooms)	Maths (C53)	

The library is now open only to year 11 students during lunchtimes (when there are no exams taking place); C67 is also open during lunch times and after school as a quiet room for year 11 students to revise.

Half term revision workshops:

Workshops in English and Maths will run during the half term. Please indicate on the reply slip below whether you would like to reserve a place for your child. Your child does not need to wear school uniform.

English: Saturday 27 May- 10am -12

Maths: Friday 2 June- 10am – 12

I hope that all year 11 students, with your invaluable support, make the very best use of their time and resources available in the lead up to and completion of their examinations.

Reminder that the **year 11 Leavers' Ball** will take place at Merchants Manor, Falmouth from **7pm** on **Friday 23 June**.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming you and your child to Penair School from 10am on Thursday 24 August 2017 to receive and celebrate their GCSE results.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Miller

Please complete and return to your tutor by Friday 26th May

Name of child: _____ Tutor group: _____

I have read and understood the content of the letter.

Signed: _____(parent)

My child will/ will not be attending revision workshops during half term.

Please place a tick next to the workshop(s) your child will attend over half term:

- **My child will attend the English revision workshop on Saturday 27 May from 10am until 12 noon.**
- **My child will attend the Maths revision workshop on Friday 2 June from 10am until 12 noon.**
- **I do/do not give consent for my child to leave school early on the 14th and 15th June**